

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF LAND USE REGULATION

Notice of Opportunity for Public Input on
the Coastal Zone Management rules, N.J.A.C. 7:7E.

Public Meeting - Discussion Topics

The Coastal Zone Management rules are due to expire on July 8, 2009. The Department is seeking suggestions for changes to the present rule. The Department will consider all suggestions as it prepares to readopt with amendments the Coastal Zone Management rules. The following topics are provided as a framework of discussion:

1. The Department is considering incorporating a hierarchical structure for mitigation similar to that used in the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules for projects that include disturbances to special areas like Shellfish Habitat (N.J.A.C. 7:7E-3.2) and Submerged Vegetation Habitat (N.J.A.C. 7:7E-3.6). What type of mitigation should be available for small scale projects? Large scale? Should the hierarchy of mitigation be the same for all size projects?
2. The Department is considering amendments to the Aquaculture rule (N.J.A.C. 7:7E-4.2) which would update the rule to account for new techniques and technologies currently in use. These updates to the Coastal Zone Management Rules would likely be tied to amendments to the general permit section of the Coastal Permit Program Rules. Which technologies and techniques would you like to see including in any future Coastal General Permit? What are the realistic size limitations of open water disturbance? What impact do you see to boating and other recreational activities as a result of aquaculture in open water areas?
3. In an effort to move forward with the Department's Priorities and Action Plan 2007, specifically the policy on sustainable growth through the advancement of energy efficiency and renewable energy, the Department is considering amendments to the Energy Use rule (N.J.A.C. 7:7E-7.4). Amendments may include a new subsection to the rule for renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and wave energy. How should the Department balance the growing demand for renewable energy sources and facilities and other environmental resources in the State?

The public meeting will be held on February 7, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in:

Public Hearing Room (First Floor)
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
401 East State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08065

Interested persons may submit written suggestions until February 21, 2008 to:

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